

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

NO! / YES

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Long wait for appointment - longer wait for service

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO!

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

YES

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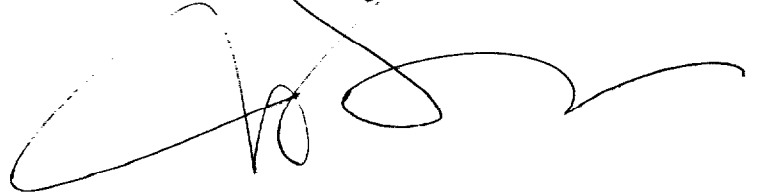
Mrs Jane Henney MD
Commissioner, F.D.A

Dear Mrs Henney

As a long time user of hearing aids starting just after my discharge from the submarine service of the U.S. Navy, WWII, I can speak from experience as to the good service and equipment I have received from the hearing aid industry service by mail. Not a problem one in over 40 years. When a glitch occurred such as the aid was not proper or bad fit, exchange and/or modification was immediate.

The savings have been enormous as by mail hearing aids cost about 60% of that purchased thru an audiologist. Please don't take away a right I have enjoyed over the years to benefit a few individuals, by over regulation

Respectfully

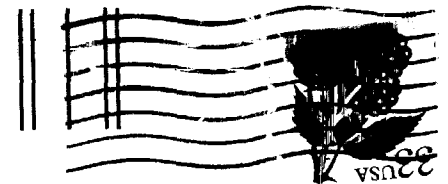




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